The Home Minister fixed 3rd May, 1989 for the meeting. This, however, did not materialise in view of the imposition of President's Rule in Karantaka State with effect from 21st April, 1989.

Allotment of land for private schools in Chandigarh

213. DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications for allotment of land for private schools pending with the Chandigarh Administration as on 31st March, 1989 ;

(b) the time since when these applications are pending and the reasons therefor ; and

(c) whether land already allotted has been given at concessional rates?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED) : (a) 17.

(b) These applications were received during the period from 5/88 to 3/89. Decision could not be taken for the following reasons :—

(i) non-furnishing of necessary certificates regarding availablility of funds with the school ;

(ii) application not received in proper form and with full details;

(iii) non-verification of school's status;

(iv) non-availability of adequate land at the site asked for by the school concerned ; etc.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Statehood to Union Territories

214. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering the demand for granting state-hood to Delhi ;

(b) whether Government have received any representations from various Union Territories for grant of statehood including the Union Territory of Pondicherry ; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to grant statehood to all these regions?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) The Committee on Re-organisation of Delhi Set-up has submitted its Report to the Government on the 14th December, 1989 and it is presently under consideration.

(b) and (c) No demand for Statehood has been received from any other Union Territory except Pondicherry, the Legislative Assembly of which has passed Resolutions demanding Statehood. The Resolutions have been noted.

Indo-Nepal talks to solve Trade dispute

215. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :
DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI KAPIL VERMA :
SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYWANTRAO PATIL :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to hold any negotiations with Nepal Government for solving the Indo-Nepal trade and transit dispute: and

(b) if so, by when the negotiations are likely to be started?